

INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

Florida Department of State ♦ Katherine Harris, Secretary of State ♦ Office of International Relations ♦ January 1999

Welcome New Secretary of State

The Office of International Relations would like to welcome Katherine Harris, Florida's new Secretary of State.

Secretary Harris has a strong interest in Florida's international community, and looks forward to working with and exchanging ideas with members of Florida's Consular Corps.

The Office of International Relations would also like to welcome our newest staff members Karema Tyms, Chief Protocol Officer; and Monica Pickel.

International Day 1999

The time has come to mark your calendar for the 14th International Day in Tallahassee. The Office of International Relations has already started organizing this yearly event, and is expecting a good turnout.

Participants this year will have the unique opportunity to meet Florida's new Governor and Cabinet, as well as members of the legislature, Consular Corps, and other leaders in Florida's international community. The event will feature a variety of meetings hosted by many of Florida's international

organizations; the Secretary of State's luncheon; and an international Reception.

Secretary Harris is excited about hosting International Day, and looks forward to seeing each of you in Tallahassee. You will be receiving important information regarding registration for International Day and hotel accommodations in the mail soon. Registration will be complimentary for Consul Generals.

Welcome New Consuls

The Office of International Relations would like to welcome the following new consuls to Florida:

- Honorable Shai Bazak, Consul General of Israel in Miami
- Honorable Carlos Ducci, Consul General of Chile in Miami
- Honorable Carmenza Jaramillo, Consul General of Colombia in Miami
- Honorable Panos Kelalis, Honorary Consul of Cyprus in Jacksonville
- Honorable Blanka Rosentiel, Honorary Consul of Poland in Miami

Euro Seminar

The Italy-America Chamber of Commerce invites all members of the international business community to a Euro Seminar, February 2nd, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Grand Bay Hotel in Coconut Grove. The seminar will discuss the

Euro, and how it will effect European economies and trade.

For more information, contact the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce at (305) 577-9868.

International Business Forum

The Florida Chamber of Commerce will host an International Business Forum, February 18th and 19th, at the Hyatt Regency in Coral Gables.

The forum will feature speakers such as Governor Jeb Bush, and U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donahue. Topics to be discussed include congressional perspectives on international trade, international business challenges, and community-based foreign policies.

For more information, contact the Florida Chamber of Commerce at (888) 425-1234.

Foreign National Arrest/Detention

The Office of International Relations has added a new comprehensive law enforcement section to our current internet site. The section has been designed to offer assistance to law enforcement officers when a foreign national is arrested or detained in Florida. Please visit our site at:

<http://www.dos.state.fl.us/oir/index.html>.